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Addendum

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered a chapeau and new paragraphs 27 bis and 53 bis, ter and quater to the draft declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium (A/S-25/2) at its 3rd meeting, on 9 June 2001.

At the same meeting, the Committee approved the chapeau and the new paragraphs and recommended the chapeau and the new paragraphs to the special session for adoption:

(a) The chapeau, which includes paragraph 1 of the draft declaration as contained in document A/S-25/2, reads as follows:

> "We, the representatives of Governments, being guided by the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations, meeting at this special session of the General Assembly to review the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, to recognize progress, and to identify obstacles and emerging issues, reaffirm our will and commitment to implement fully the Istanbul Declaration and the Habitat Agenda and decide on further initiatives, in the spirit of the Millennium Declaration. The Istanbul Declaration and the Habitat Agenda will remain the basic framework for sustainable human settlements development in the years to come.
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> "Therefore, we"

(b) The word "We" is deleted from the beginning of all the subsequent paragraphs of the draft declaration.

(c) Heading "A" of the draft declaration is moved after old paragraph 1 of the draft declaration.

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(d) Paragraph 2 of the draft declaration as contained in document A/S-25/2 becomes paragraph 1 and subsequent paragraphs are renumbered accordingly.

(e) Paragraph 27 bis reads as follows:

"We further resolve to take concerted action against international terrorism, which causes serious obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda."

(f) Paragraph 53 bis reads as follows:

"We resolve to take further effective measures to remove obstacles to the full implementation of the Habitat Agenda as well as obstacles to the realization of the rights of the peoples living under colonial and foreign occupation, that are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person and must be combated and eliminated."

(g) Paragraph 53 ter reads as follows:

"We also resolve to expand and strengthen the protection of civilians in conformity with international humanitarian law, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949, including article 49 thereof."

(h) Paragraph 53 quater reads as follows:

"We resolve to strengthen international cooperation, including the burden sharing in, and the coordination of humanitarian assistance to, countries hosting refugees and to help all refugees and displaced persons to return voluntarily to their homes, in safety and dignity, and to be smoothly reintegrated in their societies."